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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

Honorable Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

October 17, 2000

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 applicant hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the following listed documents, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application.

1. U.S. Serial No. 09/090,989, filed June 4, 1998, and any documents cited therein, and
2. U.S. Serial No. 09/136,353, filed August 18, 1998, and any documents cited therein.

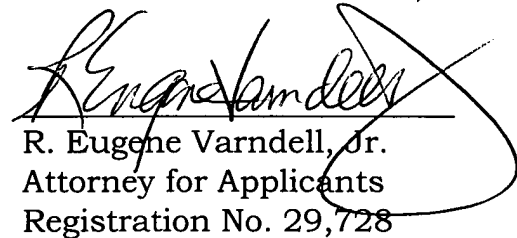
Copies of the aforesaid applications do not need to be provided herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial or otherwise mark one copy of forms PTO-1449 and forward the same to the applicants indicating that the documents listed thereon have been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,
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